

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM20.17	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 495- 517 Wellington Street West and 510- 532 Front Street West for The Waterfront School Playground Improvements - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2024 Operating Budget for Non-Program by \$419,345.09 gross, \$0 net, (Cost Centre: NP2161) fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained in the development at 495-517 Wellington Street West and 510-532 Front Street West, secured for the Waterfront School playground improvements (Source Account: XR3026-3701006) for the purpose of providing one-time capital funding to the Toronto District School Board for capital improvements to the schoolyard at The Waterfront School, subject to the Toronto District School Board demonstrating continued public access to the schoolyard for a term of minimum 20 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management to participate in the preparation of any necessary agreements if required to secure public access, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, provided acceptable terms can be agreed upon.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to execute on behalf of the City any necessary agreements with the Toronto District School Board to secure public access, for a term of minimum 20 years and on such other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
4. City Council direct that if public access to the schoolyard is not adequately secured to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the funds will not be transferred to the Toronto District School Board and shall be made available for other community facilities in the local community.

Summary

The Waterfront School at 635 Queens Quay West is located on City land that is leased to the Toronto District School Board. A Licence Agreement between the City and Toronto District School Board for the playground area provides exclusive use for the school during the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm on school and PD days, and otherwise the site functions as a public park.

In 2018, Section 37 funds from the development at 495-517 Wellington Street West and 510-532 Front Street West were designated for improvements to the Waterfront School playground.

A Playground Master Plan has been developed by the Toronto District School Board. The Plan will be paid for by funds from both Toronto District School Board and from the Section 37 contribution. The scope covered by the City provides enhancements to the south turf field and includes a new asphalt paved running path, sand jumping pit, goal posts and baseball backstop, storage shed, and new tree planting.

The improvements to the play area will provide benefit to the school and the local community through a continued shared use framework.

Background Information (City Council)

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